



**Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**2007 Vocational Instructor/Administrator of the Year  
February 12, 2008**

Staff of the AWIB solicited nomination from the top 100 employers, Joint Apprenticeship Training Centers, and trade associations in Alaska. The criteria for the award is attached.

The AWIB received five nominations for the 2007 Vocational Instructor/Administrator of the Year Award. The nominees included:

- **Rick Rios** – Nominated by the Associated General Contractors of Alaska. Mr. Rios has worked as a vocational teacher for 28 years and CTE Coordinator for the Anchorage School District since 2000.
- **Bret Helms** – Nominated by Mechanical Contractors of Fairbanks, Inc. Mr. Helms has worked for the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 375 since 1981 and currently works for the Joint Apprentice Training Program and serves as President of Alaska Works Partnership.
- **Bo Underwood** – Nominated by ASRC Energy Services. Mr. Underwood currently works as a Craft Training Administrator and NCCER Administrator for ASRC Energy Services.
- **Cheryl Edenshaw** – Nominated by Teck Cominco Alaska Incorporated and NANA Corporation. Ms. Edenshaw currently serves as the Director of the Alaska Technical Center in Kotzebue.
- **Kevin Hanley** – Nominated by Swalling Construction Company, Inc. Mr. Hanley is currently the Apprenticeship Training Coordinator for the Piledrivers and Divers Local 2520 and serves as President of the Apprenticeship Coordinators Association of Alaska.

The Executive Committee reviewed the nominations and selected Cheryl Edenshaw as the 2007 Vocational Instructor/Administrator of the Year per the attached.